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SUBJ: MISKAR GROUP TO DRILL ADDITIONAL EVALUATION WELL,
SEEKS OFFSHORE RIG

REF: TUNIS 3715, TUNIS 2168, TUNIS 3149

1. GROUPE D'ETUDES MISKAR (GEM), 11 AV. K. PACHA, TUNIS,
TELEX 12128 TN PLANS TO CONTRACT FOR DRILLING OF OFFSHORE
GAS WELL IN MISKAR PERIMETER OF GULF OF GABES IN JULY-
AUGUST 1978.

2. GEM WILL BE LOOKING FOR A RIG IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA.
IT HAS NOT DECIDED YET WHETHER TO ISSUE INTERNATIONAL
TENDER OR DIRECTLY CONSULT DRILLING COMPANIES.

3. AS SUGGESTED BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MINES AND
ENERGY IN INTERVIEW EARLIER THIS MONTH (TUNIS 3715),
PURPOSE OF THIS WELL AND POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL WELL WILL BE TO
ASSESS MORE ACCURATELY SIZE OF MISKAR GAS RESERVES, (PRESENT
ESTIMATE OF 33 BILLION CUBIC METERS BASED ON 4 WELLS
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COMPLETED THROUGH EARLY 1977).
MISKAR OFFICIALS REMAIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FEASIBILITY
OF PROJECT WHICH THEY STRESS WILL GO AHEAD AS
PLANNED, ALTHOUGH WITH SOME SLIGHT DEALY.

4. EMBASSY WILL KEEP COMMERCE AND STATE INFORMED
OF PROJECT STATUS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMERCE INVITING SPECIALIZED
US COMPANIES TO CABLE AND INFORM GROUPE D'ETUDES MISKAR
OF THEIR INTEREST IN DRILLING ABOVE MENTIONED WELL.
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